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TRIVIA!

On 20 April 1966, the USAF retired from service to the National Museum of the Air Force, the aircraft that has become known as the first official "Air Force One", utilized by the President of the United States during the course that they are in office. What is the name of this aircraft and which President had the honor its of use?



(HINT: Lackland has one of these aircrafts on base as part of the static aircraft displays!)

Email your answers to:
37trw.ho@lackland.af.mil
Winners will be selected randomly & awarded a prize!
March '09 winner is: Mr. David Hill
26 OSS/OST (Wins a free round of golf!)

??LOOKING TO EXPAND YOUR AF KNOWLEDGE??

Stop by the 37th TRW Office of History & Research for a *free* copy of:
"One Hundred Years Of Flight"

Featured Team Lackland unit:



433rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron:

The 433rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron is an organization within the 433rd Airlift Wing under the 433rd Medical Group. The 433rd AW was the first organized Air Force Reserve unit. The 433rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron as part of the 433rd AW is responsible for timely medical services

and support for the Airlift Wing; including the approximately 3,300 personnel involved with the wing's mission.

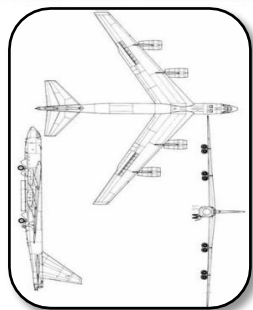
433rd AW, nicknamed:
the "Alamo Wing"



Farewell to an Old Friend...



On 18 April 1957, the first B-52 to be overhauled and modernized at Kelly conducted its first test flight. Since the first "Buff", entered Kelly's shop in May of 1956, there proved a plentiful supply of these venerable aircraft to be fine-tuned. This continued until 29 Sept 1992 when the last B-52 scheduled for maintenance landed at Kelly.



Historical Tidbits:



On 1 April 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into effect Public Law 325, commonly known as the "Air Force Academy Act", which authorized the establishment youngest of the military service academies, the United States Air Force Academy

On 1 Apr 2004, the Cadet Area was designated a National Historic Landmark. Notable buildings in the Cadet Area include the Cadet Chapel, the Aeronautics Research Center, the Honor Wall, and the Class Wall.



Inside the Cadet Chapel

Core Values:

"Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do"

April 1980



On 28 April, 1980, President Jimmy Carter landed at Kelly AFB in route to Wilford Hall to visit injured Airmen and other service members who were part of the attempted rescue of hostages in Iran. The

Carter Administration created *Operation Eagle Claw*, the attempted rescue mission, in an attempt to free hostages from the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran – in what has become known as the “Iranian Hostage Crisis”. Though the attempt by *Operation Eagle Claw* was a not a success, the losses were not in vain, the hostages were released after 444 days of imprisonment on 20 Jan 1981.

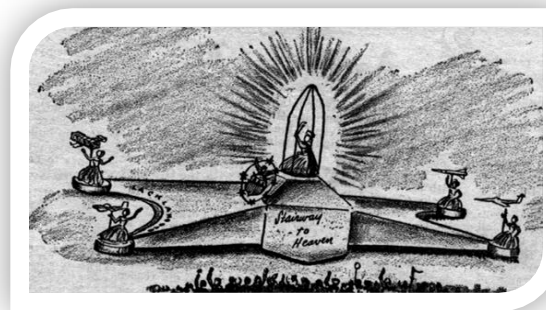
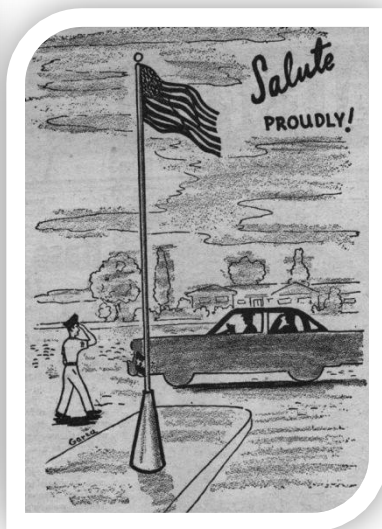
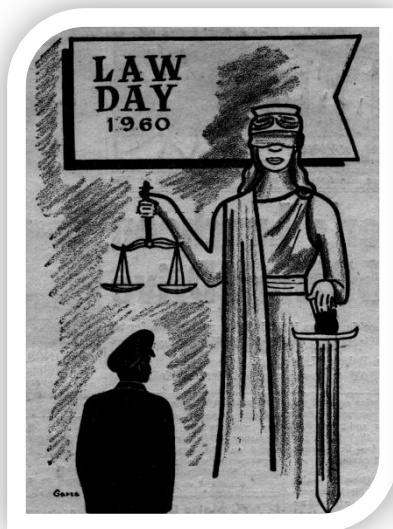


This Month in History...

- 1944: The first Officer Candidate School class entered training at SAAC
- 1947: Basic Military Training increased to 13 weeks!!
- 1948: Congress authorized the first major spending initiative to increase the USAF; an amazing sum of 822 million \$\$\$!
- 1959: NASA announced the first seven astronauts (Mercury 7)!
- 1977: Construction began on the new Lackland base theater (building 1288)!



DID YOU KNOW?
All of the Mercury 7 Astronauts were former military pilots!



Did you know that the 37th TRW Office of History & Research as a MYSPACE for the BMT Photos? Ha, we sure do: to check it out click [here!](#)


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April 1960


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USAF Basic Military Training Flight Photograph Project:

www.bmtflightphotos.af.mil

“History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are.”

-DAVID C. MCCULLOUGH,